Gepetto

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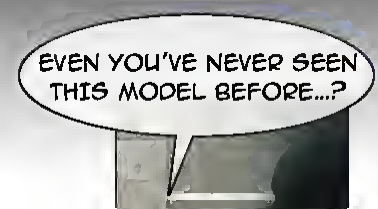

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU CALL A LIE.

NO, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN OLD ANDROID IS STILL OPERATIONAL.

WHO CARES ABOUT WHAT HE IS EXACTLY?
IT'S CLEAR WHAT WE HAVE TO DO NOW, ANYWAY.

WHALE ISN'T DESTROYED YET,
AND THAT MYSTERIOUS ANDROID TOOK HER SOMEWHERE...
IF WE FIND HIM, WE FIND WHALE.
...I GUESS ARLEKINO'S SIMPLE BRAIN CAN BE USEFUL SOMETIMES.
SHUT UP, ROSAURA.

POLCINELLA.
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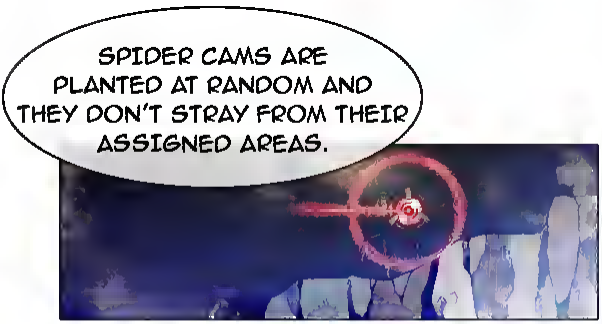
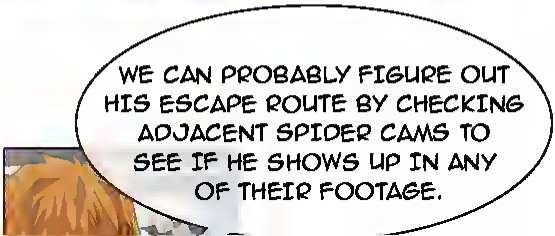
HAVE YOU LOCATED WHERE THAT ANDROID TOOK WHALE?

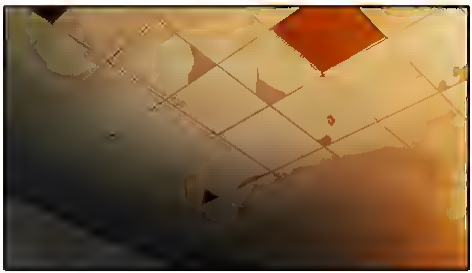

SPIDER CAMS ARE PLANTED AT RANDOM AND THEY DON'T STRAY FROM THEIR ASSIGNED AREAS.

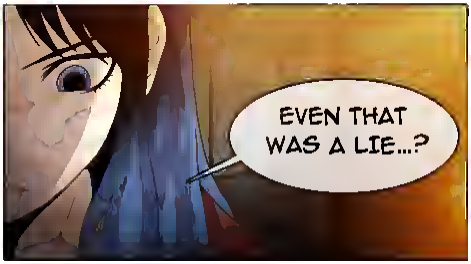

WE CAN PROBABLY FIGURE OUT HIS ESCAPE ROUTE BY CHECKING ADJACENT SPIDER CAMS TO SEE IF HE SHOWS UP IN ANY OF THEIR FOOTAGE.

GOOD. OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY IS TO FIND HIM.
THE HUMANS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER WHALE MADE IT OUT ALIVE OR NOT.
STAND-

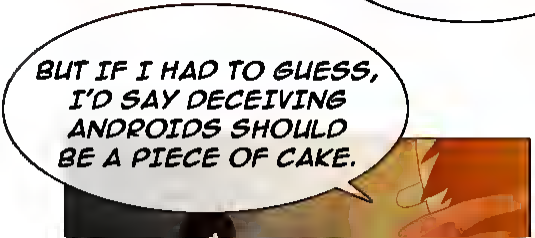
WE'LL FIND WHALE BEFORE THEY DO.

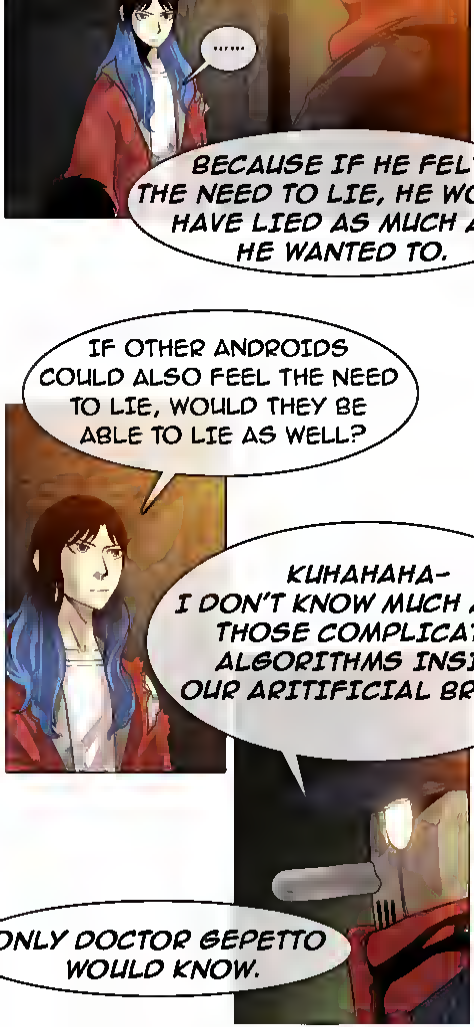
NO MATTER WHAT...!




EVEN THAT WAS A LIE...?

DO HIS FOLLOWERS KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THEIR LEADER?
WELL... I'M NOT WITH THEM, SO I WOULDN'T KNOW.


BUT IF I HAD TO GUESS, I'D SAY DECEIVING ANDROIDS SHOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE.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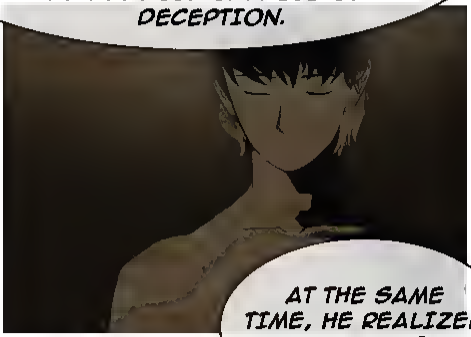
BECAUSE IF HE FELT THE NEED TO LIE, HE WOULD HAVE LIED AS MUCH AS HE WANTED TO.
IF OTHER ANDROIDS COULD ALSO FEEL THE NEED TO LIE, WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO LIE AS WELL?
KUHAHAHA- I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THOSE COMPLICATED ALGORITHMS INSIDE OUR ARITIFICIAL BRAINS.
ONLY DOCTOR GEPETTO WOULD KNOW.

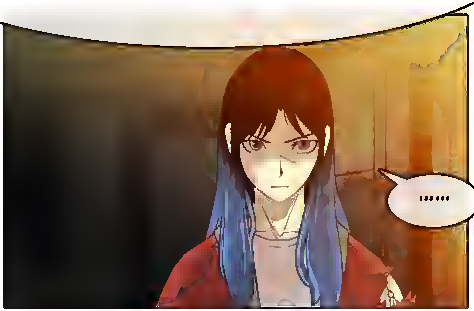
DOCTOR GEPETTO BUILT A SECOND PINOCCHIO OUT OF ME AS A FOUNDATION AND THUS CONFIRMED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CREATE AN ANDROID CAPABLE OF DECEPTION.



AT THE SAME TIME, HE REALIZED THE DANGER OF IT.

TO MAKE ANDROIDS MORE LIKE HUMANS, THEY NEEDED THE ABILITY TO LIE. HOWEVER, ANDROIDS WITH THE ABILITY TO LIE ARE DANGEROUS. THIS WAS THE DILEMMA.

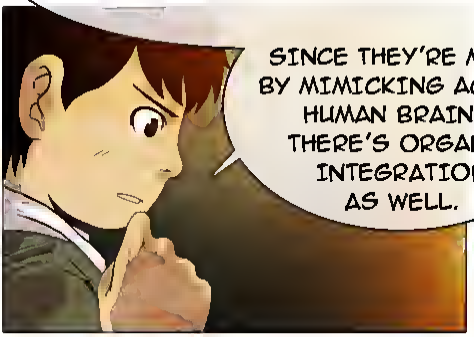
WHAT I THINK IS THAT DOCTOR GEPETTO PROBABLY TWEAKED THE ALGORITHM SO THAT ANDROIDS WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF FEELING THE NEED TO LIE.



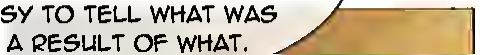
IF THAT'S REALLY TRUE, DOCTOR GEPETTO MUST HAVE BEEN A GENIUS.

THESE ANDROID ARTIFICIAL BRAINS ARE AN EXTREMELY SUBTLE INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGIES.

SINCE THEY'RE MADE BY MIMICKING ACTUAL HUMAN BRAINS, THERE'S ORGANIC INTEGRATION AS WELL.



IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE DISCOVERY WAS A PRODUCT OF COINCIDENCE SO IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY TO TELL WHAT WAS A RESULT OF WHAT.



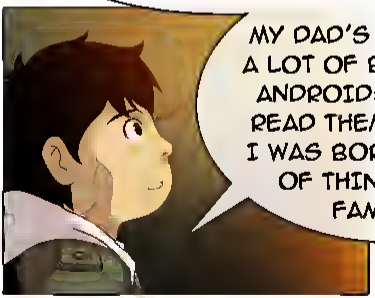
IF HE COULD REWRITE A SPECIFIC PART OF THE ALGORITHM SO THAT ANDROIDS COULD NOT FEEL THE NEED TO LIE FROM THE FIRST PLACE. HE REALLY MUST HAVE BEEN A GENIUS.

YOU CAN ACTUALLY FOLLOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING AN 8-YEAR OLD KID CAN UNDERSTAND.

...I'M JUST GETTING A ROUGH IDEA OF IT.

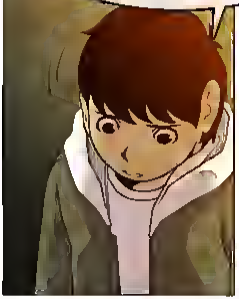
MY DAD'S LIBRARY HAD A LOT OF BOOKS ABOUT ANDROIDS. I USED TO READ THEM EVERY TIME I WAS BORED. SO LOTS OF THINGS SOUND FAMILIAR.



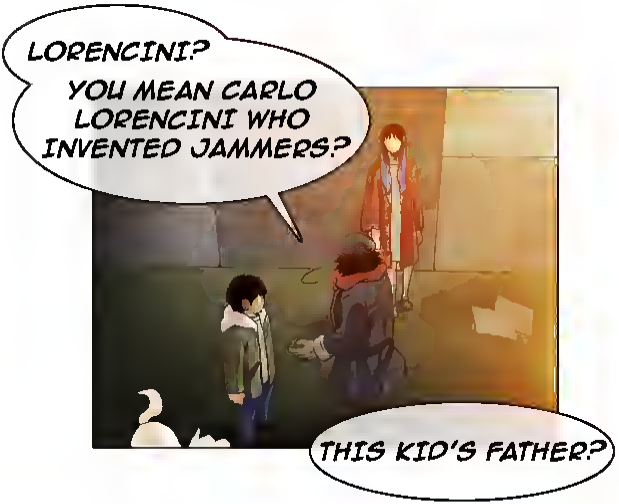
I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NO ORINDARY BOY...

DO 8-YEAR OLDS NORMALLY READ ENGINEERING PUBLICATIONS FOR FUN?

...DAD WAS ALWAYS DRUNK AND THERE WASN'T MUCH I COULD DO BY MYSELF.



NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... YOUR FATHER, DOCTOR LORENCINI WAS AT THE BUILDING, RIGHT?


LORENCINI?
YOU MEAN CARLO LORENCINI WHO INVENTED JAMMERS?
THIS KID'S FATHER?

...YES. I DEFINITELY DID MEET HIM AT THE BUILDING BUT...
I DON'T KNOW IF HE GOT OUT SAFELY.

SO IF THEY MADE SUCH AN ANOUNCEMENT, IT MUST MEAN LORENCINI IS ALIVE, RIGHT?

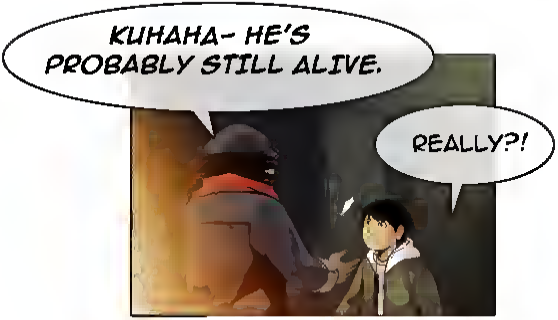
...YOU'RE NOT LYING, ARE YOU?

KUHAHAHA- MAYBE THOSE HUMANS WERE LYING. BUT THE FACT THAT I WATCHED THE BROADCAST IS TRUE.

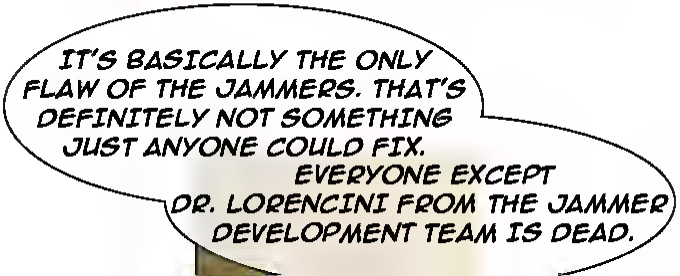
JUST BECAUSE I'M CAPABLE OF LYING, DON'T THINK THAT EVERYTHING I SAY IS A LIE.

THANK GOODNESS IF THAT'S TRUE!
AH! THANK YOU!
KUHAHAHAHA-

COLODI... WOULDN'T IT BE BEST IF YOU RETURNED TO YOUR FATHER?
IF YOU STAY WITH ME, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE IN DANGER.

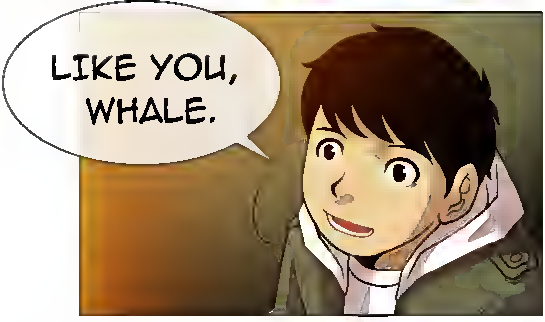

KUHAHA- HE'S PROBABLY STILL ALIVE.
REALLY?!

WHEN YOU TWO WERE PASSED OUT, THEY RELEASED A BROADCAST ON FLORENCE7.
THEY VOWED TO IMPROVE THE JAMMER'S RESIDUAL EFFECTS.


IT'S BASICALLY THE ONLY FLAW OF THE JAMMERS. THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT SOMETHING JUST ANYONE COULD FIX.
EVERYONE EXCEPT DR. LORENCINI FROM THE JAMMER DEVELOPMENT TEAM IS DEAD.

YEAH. I'LL GO BACK. DAD'S PROBABLY WORRYING ABOUT ME...
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO BEFORE THAT.
I WANT TO FIND A WAY FOR HUMANS AND ANDROIDS TO NOT HAVE TO FIGHT ANYMORE. THROUGH YOU, WHALE.
COLODI...

THE ANDROIDS THAT I PERSONALLY MET WERE DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES ON TV OR IN BOOKS.
I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE YET, BUT THEY WERE DEFINITELY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I KNEW.
ANDROIDS REALLY ARE LIKE PEOPLE.
EVEN AMONGST HUMANS, THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE AND BAD PEOPLE... SO I THINK NOT ALL ANDROIDS ARE BAD.


LIKE YOU, WHALE.

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A WAY FOR HUMANS AND ANDROIDS TO LIVE IN PEACE TOGETHER...
IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT SUCH A WAY EXISTS, BUT FOR NOW,
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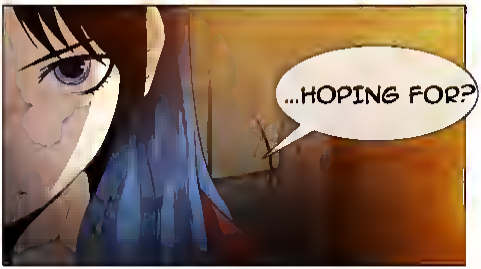
WE SHOULD FIX YOUR LEFT ARM FIRST, AND HAVE YOU CHANGE THOSE RAGS.

KUHAHAHAHA- I DON'T' REALLY HAVE A REASON.
BUT THERE'S JUST ONE THING I'M HOPING FOR.
TURN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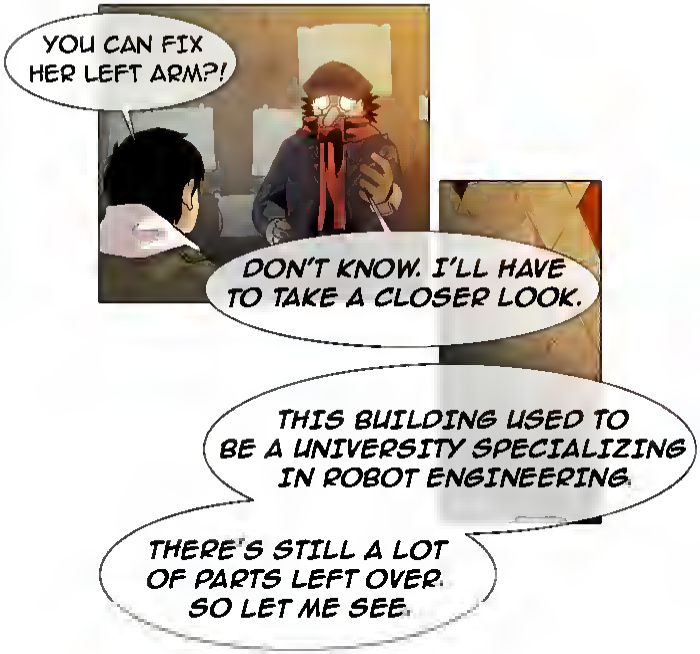
YOU CAN FIX HER LEFT ARM?!
DON'T KNOW. I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.
THIS BUILDING USED TO BE A UNIVERSITY SPECIALIZING IN ROBOT ENGINEERING.
THERE'S STILL A LOT OF PARTS LEFT OVER. SO LET ME SEE.

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WHY ARE YOU HELPING US?

YES. IF ANYONE CAN LAND A BLOW AGAINST THE IMPOSTER PINOCCHIO, IT MUST BE YOU, WHALE.

I'LL BE SATISFIED WITH THAT.

KUHAHAHAHA-

GEPETTO

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